



# **FIYA BASKETBALL RULES**

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## OVERVIEW

- All rules apply to both Girls AND Boys FIYA Basketball
- Both teams are to say the [FIYA Sportsmanship Pledge](#) prior to start of game at center circle.
- It is recommended that teams that do not have reversible jersey tops bring at least 5 pennies in the event both teams have same colored tops.
- Schools with multiple teams in FIYA – players on teams MAY NOT play on more than one team.
- For anything not specifically mentioned in this document or in the [FIYA Regulations Manual](#), CIF high school basketball rules apply.

## AGE DIVISIONS

- Division 1 or D-1 is for students in 8th grade and below. NO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ALLOWED TO PLAY.
- Division 2 or D-2 is for students in 6th grade and below. NO 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS ALLOWED TO PLAY.
- Division 3 or D-3 is for students in 4th grade and below. NO 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS ALLOWED TO PLAY.
- There are age requirements as well. Check the [FIYA Regulations Manual](#) updated yearly.

## GAME TIME, TIMEOUTS, AND OVERTIME

- Game consists of four (4) 10 minute quarters. Clock runs except as stated below. Halftime is three (3) minutes in length. Each team is allowed three (3) timeouts per game. **D-3 Exception:** Each D3 team is allowed two (2) timeouts per game.
- During last three (3) minutes of the 4th quarter, clock should be stopped on a referee's whistle if margin is 15 points or less. **D-3 Exception:** During last two (2)

minutes of the 4th quarter, clock should be stopped on a referee's whistle if margin is 6 points or less. The clock should be re-started only when a player in bounds on the court touches the ball.

- If tied, overtime consists of a two (2) minute period. If tied still, another two (2) minute period. If tied still after two (2) overtimes, sudden death (first team to score a point wins). **FOR D-3 ONLY:** If tied, there is only one (1) 2-minute overtime period; D3 game *can* end in a tie. Teams are allowed one (1) timeout per overtime. There is no carry over of timeouts in any overtime period. Clock stops on all dead ball whistles in overtime.
- If team leads by 30 points or more at any time in 4th quarter, this is a mercy. Game may continue at judgment of referees and consent of both coaches with the score turned off and a continuously running clock.
- Backcourt defense is allowed at all times. 10 seconds to cross half court for both boys and girls. No backcourt press allowed during mercy play. **FOR D-3 ONLY:** NO backcourt defense is allowed except for the final 2 minutes of the game and any overtime. In addition, for D-3 ONLY, if a team leads by more than 15 points at any time during the game, all defenders for the leading team must play defense inside the defensive three point line.

## BALL

- The ball size is youth or 27.5 for D-3. Also, the height of the rim is 9 feet for D-3 girls ONLY; all other divisions, the rim height is 10 feet.
- The ball size is intermediate or 28.5 for Girls D-1 & D-2 and Boys D-2 Divisions
- The ball size is regular or 29.5 for Boys D-1

## FOULS

- **FOR D-3 ONLY:** Personal fouls are not recorded; only team fouls are recorded in D-3.
- Five (5) individual or personal fouls on a player per game and he/she is disqualified.
- Technical fouls recorded as personal fouls; any player or coach ejection likely will result in 2 game suspension.

- 7 to 9 team fouls per half allows opponent to be in Single Bonus and ten (10) team fouls or more per half allows opponent to be in Double Bonus.

## STANDINGS & PLAYOFFS

- Season standings are determined by points. A win is worth three (3) points, a tie one (1) point, a loss zero (0) points, and a forfeit (-3) points. League standings will be updated on our [website](#) weekly throughout the regular season.
- Playoffs take place following the regular season for qualifying Division 1 teams only; qualifying teams are based on standings from regular season league play.

## WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS YEAR'S BASKETBALL SEASON WITH YOU!

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